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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL - JUNE 23 - 27, 1975

1. ON MORNING OF LAST DAY OF SESSION TALKS CONTINUED ON AGENDA ITEM 7, PROGRAM OF WORK OF WFC. AUSTRALIA ADVOCATED WORK BE PERFORMED BY SMALL SECRETARIAT ON FEW HIGHLY SELECTED PROBLEMS. REGARDING POWERS OF WFC PRESIDENT BETWEEN SESSIONS, AUSTRALIA SAID THIS PROPOSAL MUST BE EXPANDED IN ORDER TO BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED.

2. U.S. DELEGATE (UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON) PRESENTED STATEMENT DESIGNED TO FOCUS WFC ATTENTION ON THREE MAIN OBJECTIVES: (LDC FOOD PRODUCTION, FOOD AID AND FOOD SECURITY) AND STATING AIMS OF EACH. HE SUGGESTED THAT IF SECRETARIAT WORK PURSUED
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IN THIS FRAMEWORK, BEST POSSIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS WOULD BE ATTAINED

AND FRUITFUL SECOND SESSION OF WFC ASSURED.

3. SUBJECT OF ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATION FROM FAO COUNCIL WAS BROUGHT UP BY GUINEA, WHO ASKED FOR STATEMENT FROM FAO COUNCIL BULA-HOYOS CHAIRMAN. LATER RESPONDED THAT FAO COUNCIL HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO ATTEND WFC AS OBSERVER AND WOULD WELCOME WFC PRESIDENT (OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE) TO OBSERVE ITS SESSIONS. THIS PROPOSED EXCHANGE WAS IMMEDIATELY CONSIDERED BY WFC AND APPROVED "SUBJECT TO REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS."

4. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS COMMENTED ON SPECIFIC POINTS IN SECRETARIAT PAPER ON PROGRAM OF WORK. CANADA PROPOSED THAT WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF PROCEDURE CONTINUE WITH OBJECTIVE OF PRESENTING AGREED REPORT TO SECOND SESSION OF WFC. USSR PICKED THIS UP AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS WORKING GROUP MIGHT ALSO TAKE ON TASK OF WORKING OUT SECRETARIAT'S FUNCTIONS ON BASIS OF DELEGATION COMMENTS. MEXICO FURTHER REFINED THIS ITEM TO ASK GROUP TO SET OUT SECRETARIAT RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND SPECIFICALLY TO ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY OF IFAD AND CGFPI TO WFC.

5. USSR DELEGATE AGREED WFC'S FIRST TASK WAS INCREASE OF LDC FOOD PRODUCTION, HE EXPLAINED THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO WF CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS 1 AND 2 RE AGRARIAN REFORM AND ENDING EXPLOITATION OF FARM WORKERS. HE FELT THAT U.S. FORMULATION OF SECRETARIAT TASKS, THOUGH OF GREAT INTEREST, SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CARE BECAUSE THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO POLITICAL STEP OF FORMULATING WFC TERMS OF REFERENCE.

6. AT END OF DISCUSSION MEXICO STATED G-77 WAS STILL MEETING SEPARATELY AND WOULD HAVE STATEMENTS TO MAKE ON AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND

7. CHAIRMAN EXPLAINED THAT ITEMS WOULD REMAIN OPEN AND G-77 VIEWS TO BE RECORDED.

8. ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO FIRST SECTION OF DRAFT REPORT OF SESSION COVERING WORK OF SESSION, AGENDA, AND PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. THESE SECTIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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WERE APPROVED AFTER EXTENDED AND DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH MANY RELATIVELY SMALL CORRECTIONS. SOVIETS OBTAINED INSERTION OF REFERENCE TO DETENTE AS IMPORTANT FACTOR IN CREATING CONDITIONS FOR RESOLVING FOOD PROBLEM, AND IMPORTANCE OF AGRARIAN REFORM.

9. MORNING MEETING ENDED WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND NO ASSURANCE WHEN G-77 WOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT COORDINATED VIEW ON ITEMS 6 AND

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